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SUBJECT: KING HUSSEIN'S VISIT TO US

1. JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR TO US, ABDULLAH SALAH, WHO HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH DEPARTMENT RE KING HUSSEIN'S VISIT, INFORMS US AFTER CONSULTING TELEPHONICALLY WITH ROYAL PARTY IN LONDON THAT HIS MAJESTY PLANS TO ARRIVE WASHINGTON AFTERNOON OR EARLY EVENING FEBRUARY 7, FLYING DIRECTLY FROM LONDON.

2. KING WANTS HIS FIRST ACTIVITY TO BE CALL ON PRESIDENT FEBRUARY 8. AFTER THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON VICE PRESIDENT (APPOINTMENT WITH VICE PRESIDENT HAS TENTATIVELY BEEN SET FOR 1:00 P.M.) AND MEET WITH SECRETARY THAT AFTERNOON.

3. WE HAVE INFORMED SALAH THAT SECRETARY WISHES HOST DINNER FOR HIS MAJESTY EVENING FEBRUARY 8. SALAH INQUIRED WHETHER PRESIDENT WOULD BE HOSTING DINNER FOR KING AND WAS INFORMED THAT OWING TO PRESIDENT'S VERY HEAVY SCHEDULE HE REGRETFULLY IS UNABLE TO DO SO. WE ALSO INFORMED SALAH THAT KING'S DECISION TO ARRIVE LATE
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FEBRUARY 7 AND UNDERTAKE NO ACTIVITIES BEFORE CALLING ON PRESIDENT IN EFFECT MEANS THAT WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS, SINCE CONGRESS

RECESSING FOR TEN-DAY VACATION BEGINNING FEBRUARY 8.

4. SALAH REPORTS HE HAS KING'S AGREEMENT TO HOST DINNER FEBRUARY 9. SALAH SAYS KING WISHES ENTER WALTER REED HOSPITAL FEBRUARY 10 FOR CHECK-UP WHICH HE ASSUMES WILL LAST UNTIL FEBRUARY 12 OR 13. (WE ARE WORKING ON THIS.)

5. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO VERIFY FOREGOING WITH KING'S PARTY, IF POSSIBLE DIRECTLY WITH PRIME MINISTER ZAID RIFAI, AND INFORM DEPARTMENT OF ANY CHANGES OR ADDITIONS. EMBASSY SHOULD REITERATE THAT PRESIDENT REGRETS THAT OWING TO HIS VERY TIGHT SCHEDULE HE IS UNABLE THIS YEAR TO HOST SOCIAL FUNCTION FOR HIS MAJESTY. EMBASSY SHOULD CONVEY PRESIDENT'S FEELINGS OF FRIENDSHIP AND PROFOUND RESPECT FOR HIS MAJESTY AND PLEASURE WITH WHICH HE LOOKS FORWARD TO SEEING HIS MAJESTY AGAIN.

6. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE VERIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL PARTY, WHICH AMBASSADOR SALAH UNDERSTANDS WILL BE PRINCE MOHAMMED, PRIME MINISTER RIFAI, POLITICAL ADVISOR AMER KHAMMASH, PERSONAL PHYSICIAN SAMIR FARRAJ, AIDE DE CAMP MAJOR BADER ZAZA, AND MAJOR KASSAB. KISSINGER

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